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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first action on this application, please amend this application as follows:

NE Please add the following abstract.

Add the following claims:

A helical rotary cutter comprising:

a rotor having an outer surface, a left end, a right end, a rotor axis, a left end bearing support concentric with the rotor axis and extending axially to the left of the left end, and a right end bearing support concentric with the rotor axis and extending axially to the right of the right end;

at least one groove in said rotor extending from the left end to the right end;

a first groove wall in a first wall plane extending

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